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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act changes the number of members on the SOCAC. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.2).

Increases the number of members on the System of Care Advisory Council.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the System of Care Advisory Council; amending ORS 418.978.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 418.978 is amended to read:

418.978. (1) A commission known as the System of Care Advisory Council is established.

(2) The council consists of [25] **29** members appointed as follows:

(a) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one representative from the Judicial Department.

(b) The Governor shall appoint:

(A) Two members who are representatives of the Department of Human Services with extensive knowledge of systems of care, one of whom must have direct experience with intellectual and developmental disabilities programs.

(B) One member who is a representative of the Oregon Youth Authority with extensive knowledge of systems of care.

(C) One member who is a representative of the Oregon Health Authority with extensive knowledge of systems of care.

(D) One member who is a representative of the Department of Education.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (E) Two members who are representatives of coordinated care organiza-
2 tions meeting the criteria adopted by the Oregon Health Authority under
3 ORS 414.572, at least one of which must provide services to rural communi-
4 ties.

5 (F) One psychiatrist, one psychologist and one pediatric physician, each
6 of whom must have clinical experience with youth.

7 (G) One member who is a representative of an entity that offers commer-
8 cial insurance.

9 (H) Three members who are representatives of agencies that provide dif-
10 ferent services and supports to youth and families of youth.

11 (I) One member who is a representative of organizations that advocate for
12 youth.

13 (J) One member who is a representative of organizations that advocate for
14 families of youth.

15 (K) [*Two*] **Four** members of the public, each of whom are family members
16 of:

17 (i) Persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental ill-
18 ness; or

19 (ii) Persons who are currently or were previously in the foster care sys-
20 tem or the youth criminal justice system.

21 (L) [*Two*] **Four** members of the public who are no more than 25 years of
22 age at the time of appointment or reappointment and who:

23 (i) Are persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental
24 illness; or

25 (ii) Are currently or were previously a ward, youth or adjudicated youth,
26 as those terms are defined in ORS 419A.004.

27 (M) One member who is a county juvenile department director.

28 (N) One member who is a county mental health program director.

29 (O) One member who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe
30 in this state or a designee of the Indian tribe.

31 (P) One member who is a representative of Oregon's federally mandated

1 disability protection and advocacy agency.

2 (3) The term of office of each member of the council is four years, but a
3 member serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Before the expi-
4 ration of the term of a member, a successor shall be appointed whose term
5 begins on January 2 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment
6 to one additional term. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing
7 authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the
8 unexpired term.

9 (4)(a) Members of the council who are not state employees are not enti-
10 tled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers
11 on the council.

12 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, members of the
13 council described in subsection (2)(b)(K) and (L) of this section may be re-
14 imburSED for travel and other reasonable expenses associated with serving
15 on the council.

16 (5) Members of the council who are state employees carrying out their
17 state employment functions are entitled to compensation and reimbursement
18 by their employing agencies for actual and necessary travel and other ex-
19 penses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties as mem-
20 bers of the council.

21 (6) The Governor shall appoint one of the members as chairperson, to
22 serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The members of the council shall elect
23 from among themselves a vice chairperson who shall preside over meetings
24 and exercise the functions of the chairperson during the absence or disability
25 of the chairperson. The chairperson and the vice chairperson shall execute
26 the duties determined by the council to be necessary.

27 (7) The council shall appoint an executive director who shall be in the
28 exempt service and who shall be responsible for the performance of duties
29 assigned by the council. Subject to the State Personnel Relations Law, the
30 executive director may employ appropriate staff to carry out the duties as-
31 signed by the council.

1 (8) The council shall meet at least four times per year at a place, day and
2 hour determined by the council.

3 (9) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum for the
4 transaction of business.

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